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1. In addition to the 500 Tsamides in Albania who had voluntarily enlisted in the Greek guerrilla forces up to March 1949, approximately 1,000 more Tsamides were forcibly recruited by 27 April 1949. They were gathered at Gjinokaster, Soyak, and Elbasan, where they received some training and then were taken to Korce on their way to join the guerrilla forces.*
2. The compulsory mobilization of Greek citizens living in Albania, which started on 13 March 1949, has yielded approximately 1,500 men and women between the ages of 16 and 40. After 20 days of military training at Sukth and Elbasan, they were sent to Korce at the beginning of April 1949 to join the guerrilla units.
3. In the middle of April 1949, a large number of vehicles belonging to the People's Security police were observed moving along the Gjinokaster-Logou road. Two hundred large "Chevrolet" trucks are being kept at Gjinokaster; they are used to transport artillery.
4. Entrance into the area from Kakavje to Koshovice was banned on 1 April 1949.
5. It is believed that Greek guerrillas based in Albania will invade Greece to attack Pogoniani.

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